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Next Meeting Christmas Party!

Thursday, December 12th at The Proud Bird, 11022 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles, California, 90045. Doors open at



6:30 PM, Dinner is served at 7:30 PM. Incredibly entertaining program begins at 8:30 PM. Stupendous raffle at 9:30 PM. Load your winnings into the trunk at 10:00 PM. Tearful farewells in the parking lot at 10:15 PM. Headed home at 10:17 PM. Check packet at 10:30 PM. Feed gerbil at 10:50 PM. Eat cold turkey leg at 10:55 PM. Brush teeth at 10:59 PM. Bed at 11:00 PM.

Pflegm to Take Rooter Post

BULLETin political analyst, Ragnar Pflegm will be the first staff member to depart in the wake of announced changes in January. Pflegm will edit Roto Rooter's epistle, *The Weekly Effluent*. "It's an opportunity, a chance to spread my wings," Pflegm stated, "the *Effluent* has a

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Ragnar Pflegm says he looks like Marconi

Secret Trekkers to Spill Guts at Xmas Fest

By Ragnar Pflegm, *BULLETin* Staff Writer



DXpeditioners, Left to Right: N6RV, N6RT, N6ED and K6RO sign confessions at the Ministry of Propaganda and Storage. They were released twenty-four hours later. (Surveillance photo hacked from Internet.)

When the *BULLETin*'s request for information about the recent FG/Guadeloupe expedition by SCDXC members went unanswered, we attributed it to the usual apathy toward the club organ and went about our business. We were wrong. There was more. Much more. Sometime in October or November, petty criminal Mansard Depesché was arrested in Pointe-à-Pitre, incarcerated at Maison-à-Crooquez. From his tiny stone *chambré*, Mansard could just discern the sounds of interrogation and torture. Although his English is quite limited, Mansard told this reporter that a group of *Amériquens* had been kidnapped by the secret police.

An alleged splinter group of separatists, loyal to the *Société Abolitioniste* of Viktor Schoelcher had been said to be plotting to weaken the French hold on the island by dumping the entire supply of tiny paper umbrellas in the harbor, thus ruining the tourist business.

"Zey were arrested by ze *Flecques* and made to zign ze confessionné," Mansard recounted. It was a case of mistaken identity for sure, but the Secret Police was in no mood to be proven wrong. Stripped and paraded through the streets, the DX'ers were subjected to beatings and humiliation. Cast into a damp, rat-infested

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President's Soapbox

by Will Angenent, K6NDV



It's Christmas time, hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving and lots of food. The bands are in "bloom" again and

there is rare DX to work. I have even heard Tromelin a few times, with a big pile up, of course (I think this is the last one for Joe, K5KT other than the P5). XZ1N is going strong as does the "police" - what a mess.

Harv, K6EXO, just sent a packet message that there are over 10,000 DX spots on the cluster in the month of November, a new record. Looks like the sunspots are up.

This year's Christmas Party promises to be a good one. I know the FG group has been working on a "FB" presentation for the evening. We also have big prizes for our raffle. Our main prizes will be: An Alinco HF and 6 meter mobile radio, the DX-70T, a Force 12 C-3 10/15/20 meter antenna (will work also on 12/17 meters), and the MFJ 259B antenna analyzer. There will also be a lot of smaller prizes like a G5RV, SWR meter, dummy load, clocks, vertical antenna, mobile antenna, etc.. Sandy, K6HAE, from National Wire and Cable has donated some coax and rotor cable again. They have a very nice web site with all their different products.

If you have not made your reservation for the party at the Proud Bird please do it as soon as possible, you can send me a packet message or email (k6ndv@contesting.com) or call me in the evening (805-949-9833) and we

The Deadline for the January *BULLETin* will be January 2nd
Please submit as early as you can!

put you on the "list". Cost is \$25.00.

The club is still looking for a *BULLETin* editor, if we don't get one soon, January might be the last *BULLETin* you will receive until we have found one. Please let Harvey, W8DX or me know if you are interested in doing this job.

Please keep in mind that elections for our new board will be held at the January meeting. If you would like to nominate someone, please let us know.

It's time to go back to the DX again. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas party.

...Will, K6NDV

Packet Spot Iron Cage Free-For-All Derby

by Harvey Shore, K6EXO



This was a record month for spots on the network. A total of 9976. of these, 2279 were made by club members. I have noticed that

over half of our members do not make spots. Is this because they are inactive or is it that their XYLs make them take off their shoes so they will not track in the mud and spot the rug? What do you think?

Congratulations to Elliott, WA6TLA, our winner for the month. High scores were almost entirely the result of the CQWW CW test. Good show, gents. You have helped make this a great horse race!

The yearly winner will be announced at the holiday party. As is our custom (came up with the idea last year) the winner will be asked to edit the scoring database. That is, he will have an input to the points/country for the year 1999. This is a humbling project as it will be advertised whenever one of the deserving asks why he gets so many negative points.

Last month the editor published a

picture of "Precious", my Cocker Spaniel, in the place where my picture is normally shown. I want to thank him for doing that as not everyone has seen Precious and she deserves a bit of exposure for she is such a good friend. I also want to comment on those SCDXC members that congratulated me on the new way I trimmed my beard — those dolts mistook Precious for ME! I GUARANTEE THEY WILL NOT WIN THE DERBY!

Elections are coming up — vote. Vote often.

Spotter	Spots	Score
WA6TLA	243	263
N6RT	213	224
N6RV	183	188
W6LAX	172	180
K6RO	131	126
W6AUG	123	124
K6YRA	86	118
KR6C	85	89
K2PLF-6	61	68
W6EJJ	46	64
KK6T	48	56
W6BA	51	45
W6EA	20	43
K6GXO	41	40
WU6T	45	39
K6NDV	31	39
K6YUI	26	39
W6HT	25	34
W6KK	37	33
K6ZZ	32	29
N6KZ	33	28
W6ZH	19	28
K6WS	27	26
K6FG	12	26
W6YY	15	24
WK6E	13	24
N6JZ	19	19
W7RF	10	19
KG6OK	22	18
AC6SN	13	13
KJ6Y	14	12
KF6HI	5	11
KC7QN	2	11
W6RT	2	11
N7CQQ	11	10
KC6T	10	10
N6OU	10	10
K6EXO	9	9
AI6Z	9	8
W3SE	13	6
W6RW	7	6

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MINIPROP PLUS Predictions

by Shel, W6EL



These MINIPROP PLUS predictions for the five prime HF bands show the times when propagation is expected to be best from Los Angeles to several locations that are expected to be active during the coming month. Other times are possible, but with weaker signals or lower probability. Openings are not expected on bands that are not listed. A solar flux of 135, corresponding to a sunspot number of 83, and an average geomagnetic field are assumed. Sunrise/sunset times are at the DX location. All times are UTC.

DX Location:

FT5Z Amsterdam I. - to 12/25
Beam 248 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 12/11) 2325/1401

HS Thailand - 12/6 to 12/20
Beam 314 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 12/13) 2333/1047

KH4 Midway - 12/20 to 1/2
Beam 280 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 12/27) 1844/0457

VK9C Cocos-Keeling - 12/26 to 1/2
Beam 296 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 12/30) 2314/1156

8Q Maldives - 12/22 to 1/13
Beam 342 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 1/2) 0119/1305

Band/Best Times:

40: 1400-1500.
Long path around 2300 and 0000-0100.
20: 1500-1700. Long path 2230-0130.
15: 1630-1700 and around 0300.

80: 1330-1400
40: 1130-1500.
20: 1600-1830.
15: 1700-1800 and 2300-0130.
10: Around 0000.

80: 0700-1400.
40: 0530-1500.
20: 1730-0400.
15: 1900-0200.
10: 2000-0030.

80: 1300-1400.
40: 1200-1500. Long path 2330-2400.
20: 1600-1900. Long path 2330-0030.
15: 1700-2000 and 2300-0200.
10: 0000-0030.

80: 1330-1430.
40: 1300-1500.
20: 1600-2230 and 0100-0230.
Long path 0030-0200.
15: 1700-2130.
10: 1830-1930.

T32MP
T32PL
T32PS
T33CW
T88X
TL5A
TZ6DX
V44KJ
V47KP
V63KU

VK9XQR

VK9XTL
XV300S
YM75ROT
YN1RFV

ZF2LA
RW2Z

Via K0MP
Via K0MP
Via K0MP
Via DL1VU
Via JE2PCY
Via PA3DMH
Via K4DX
Via WB2TSL
Via K2SB
Via JA6NL, JARL
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Via HB9QR, Edwin
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By Guglielmo Pookah, E1EIO



Very, very **seldom** will you find the **Pook** at an actual **DX Club** meeting. However, I just had to attend one. Of course, the **smell and the noise** of the Karate Studio across the hall was hard on a rabbit. **Kiiii-ya!** (Right) **Andy, WA6WXD** brought the art of **slide redundancy** to a new high. We got the **picture**, Andy! We were most entertained... Prez **Will** asked the crowd to **point out** anyone who is **announcing DX** on the repeater. **Ernie, N6HY** (Left) responds... **Harvey, W8DX** receives **5-band WAZ**. "Wow, they accepted my **5A** card on **80 meters**. Now I can stop buggin **Ollie** for that **SU2MT QSO**," sez 'DX... The **Pooker** has been

asked about his (its) plans after the **January divestiture**. (Yes, **Pookahz** actually know what words like "**divestiture**" mean)... One may say it's a bit of a "**carrot on a stick**," but your **humble correspondent** is planning on **retirement**.

Yes, a small **plot of land** where an **invisible rabbit** can raise up a few **acres of carrots** and live the life of a retired, **gentlehare** farmer. Of course, it will be close to the **clubs and night life** of Las Vegas, and the **pooker tables** where **invisibility** really **pays off**. Of course, there's a **big antenna** and lots of contesting and years and years of **grouchiness** and **sarcasm**. It's **heaven**... To my **one**, dear reader, and my **two** dear contributors, duhhhh, **thankz**...

...Gugli

(The *BULLETin* is not responsible for Pookah's alleged observations. Gugli's portrait by 'Drew Duncan exclusively for the SCDXC *BULLETin*.)

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Spill Their Guts

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cell, they would rot and die of hunger and disease.

Somehow, the group of brave travelers escaped. "Surely it was ze miracle!" Mansard exclaimed. As the doors of the Airbus 261 opened at the International Terminal, they fell into the arms of loved ones, but refused to be interviewed by the waiting reporters. This scribe has found out that silence may have been a condition of their release. It is believed that they will reveal details of their unbelievable ordeal at the Christmas Party. Or not.

(Blaine Gorlick of Amnesty International was interviewed for this story.)



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Packet Spot Derby (Continued)

Spotter	Spots	Score
KC6X	6	6
W6OES	6	6
NK6A	5	5
W6FW	5	5
AC6RN	4	4
K6ZMW	3	3
K5KT	2	2
K6FR	2	2
K6VIV	2	2
N6UC	2	2
N6ZAE	2	2
W6SR	2	2
K6OHM	1	1
K6OJ	1	1
KK6WI	1	1
N6ED	1	1
NQ6N	1	1
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W6OB	1	1
W6SMD	1	1
KQ6PS	1	0

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Pflegm (From page 1

much larger circulation, and, unlike the *BULLETin*, many actually read it."

Pflegm's Guadeloupe story in this issue is his last. "It's amazing how quickly he got that story together," stated the editor, "almost as if he made it up. But that's his charm."

At a party in Ragnar's honor, the *BULLETin* crew coughed up enough smazoleons for a small gift.

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Heard and Worked

by Mark Weiss, K6FG



Signals don't
get to the sunny
shores of Southern
California like they
get everywhere else.
Sometimes, a band
is open for just a
few minutes.
Sometimes, a rare
country appears at a

crazy time or frequency. Here are selected
reports from local stations. Be unusual,
break a tradition. Send your report for
January to the Editor.

Date Time Mode DX

160

11/22	1436	CW	XX9TRR*
11/22	0336	SSB	W4SO/6Y5
11/23	0235	SSB	K2KW/6Y5

80

11/3	1436	SSB	BD4BI
11/11	0553	CW	TY8A*
11/11	1347	CW	T32VU*
11/14	1339	SSB	BQ9P*
11/15	1330	SSB	BQ9P*
11/16	0454	SSB	TL8A
11/16	1444	SSB	T32IW
11/18	1335	CW	BQ9P*
11/20	1355	CW	XX9TRR*
11/30	1432	SSB	A61AJ*

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11/9	0319	CW	TY8A*
11/9	1430	CW	5B4ADA*
11/10	0136	SSB	TY8A*
11/12	1426	CW	BQ9P*
11/14	0054	CW	JX7DFA*
11/16	1442	SSB	BQ9P*
11/21	1459	CW	A45XR

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11/3	0301	CW	SU2NQ
11/5	0335	CW	YO5BRZ
11/13	1452	CW	T32VU*
11/15	1424	CW	XX9TRR*
11/15	1446	CW	4X4WN
11/20	0105	CW	5R8PR*
11/26	0100	CW	D44BC

20

11/2	2307	SSB	S92YV
11/5	0244	TTY	FO5QG*
11/6	0337	SSB	FR5DX
11/10	1936	TTY	E30GA*
11/10	2224	CW	TY8A*
11/12	0110	SSB	E30GA*
11/14	2202	SSB	BQ9P*
11/26	2120	SSB	FT5ZH

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11/8	0011	CW	DS5USH
11/10	1522	SSB	E30GA*
11/11	1739	SSB	E30GA*

11/11	1743	SSB	LY62ZZ*
11/12	1455	SSB	A41LZ
11/16	0108	SSB	BQ9P*
11/19	1515	SSB	EU5R
11/24	1624	SSB	XZ1N

15

11/4	1652	SSB	5A1A
11/12	2223	SSB	BQ9P*
11/14	2306	CW	BQ9P*
11/14	2335	SSB	BQ9P*
11/15	0048	SSB	XV300S
11/22	0019	SSB	XX9TRR*
11/25	2328	SSB	5V7A
11/26	0053	SSB	XZ1N
11/26	1714	SSB	FT5ZH

12

11/1	1459	CW	JW9XGA
11/1	1504	CW	5X1Z
11/1	1501	CW	TA4/KU0J
11/1	1514	CW	GI0RTN
11/1	1738	SSB	CT1CLR
11/1	1749	CW	EI4II
11/2	1455	SSB	3B8CF
11/2	1536	SSB	T97M
11/3	1513	SSB	GU0VPA
11/4	1458	SSB	ET3BN
11/4	1502	SSB	SV0LK/SV9
11/4	1655	SSB	5A1A
11/5	1441	SSB	TF3GC
11/5	1444	SSB	TY8A*
11/5	1529	SSB	E30BA
11/6	1359	SSB	TY8A*
11/6	1506	SSB	S92YV
11/7	0123	CW	VK6RO
11/7	2010	SSB	7Q7HB
11/7	2017	SSB	VP9LR*
11/7	2021	SSB	KH6FHX
11/7	2343	CW	4F2IR
11/11	1528	CW	TY8A*
11/12	1519	SSB	E30GA*
11/12	1559	CW	DJ8WD
11/12	1602	CW	HA4YG
11/12	1609	SSB	PA3GOJ
11/12	1605	CW	HB9T
11/14	2030	SSB	ZL8RS
11/15	1654	CW	E30GA*
11/15	1735	SSB	CT2GFJ
11/16	0109	SSB	BQ9P*
11/22	0006	SSB	JD1BIA
11/22	0027	SSB	BD4ED*
11/22	0054	SSB	XZ1N
11/22	1455	CW	GJ3EML
11/22	1512	SSB	5R8FL*
11/24	1540	SSB	TR8CA
11/26	1501	CW	CN8WW
11/26	1509	SSB	F5BZB
11/26	1603	CW	3DA0CA
11/26	1611	CW	5N3CPR
11/28	1520	SSB	C31HK
11/28	1525	SSB	HB0CRS

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11/2	1525	SSB	5A1A
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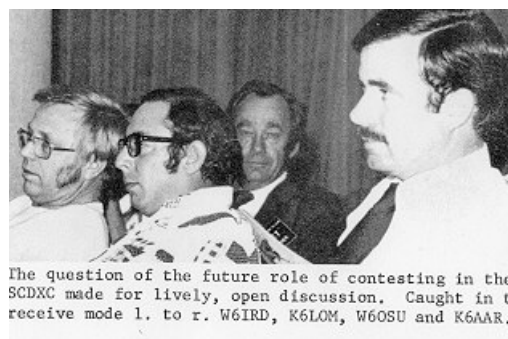
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11/5	0131	SSB	JT1BG
11/5	1456	SSB	E30HA
11/5	1457	SSB	Z31FK
11/5	1524	SSB	T95A
11/7	0046	CW	VK9XQR*
11/12	1547	CW	E30GA*
11/13	0012	CW	BQ9P*
11/15	0015	SSB	BQ9P*
11/16	0014	CW	BQ9P*
11/24	1537	SSB	TR8CA
11/25	1610	SSB	ZB2JO

* QSL Routes

5B4ADA	9A2AJ
5R8FL	F5TBA
5R8PR	F6BFS
A61AJ	W3UR
BD4ED	BD4BHP
BQ9P	KU9C
E30GA	K4JDJ
FO5QG	XE1L
JX7DFA	LA7DFA
LY62ZZ	LY2ZZ
T32VU	DJ5IW
TY8A	DL7DF
VK9XQR	HB9QR
VP9LR	K1EFI
XX9TRR	OH2PM

(Thanks to K6FG, K6NDV, K6YRA)

When submitting "Heard and
Worked" Please remember to give
Band, Date, Time, Mode, Station.
Thanks!



The question of the future role of contesting in the
SCDXC made for lively, open discussion. Caught in t
receive mode 1. to r. W6IRD, K6LOM, W6OSU and K6AAR.

(From a 1970's *BULL*etin. Right,
Dick, W6ET and Jim, N6RJ, silent
keys.)



Ham Puzzle by Milt, W6RJO

Here is the December Puzzler. Good luck:

QSL Bureau Volunteer



V.H. Ham now realizes that for him, volunteering to help Region 6 QSL Bureau sort QSL cards was a dumb idea. After a Saturday morning session sorting hundreds of "V" (first letter of suffix) cards, he became mentally and physically numb. He told the bureau chief that he was going home to resuscitate himself, but will (foolishly) take the remaining "V" cards and sort them at home. The chief gave him 1000 cards in five bags (five zip codes), and wrote down for him, on a slip of paper what was in each bag. When V.H. got home, he had a couple too many and couldn't find the tally slips. With his "buzz on", he somehow recalls that the first and second bags together contain 520 cards. In the second and third bag, 430 by his "count". In the third and fourth bag, 340, and in the fourth and fifth, 300. He realizes that he will now, forevermore leave QSL sorting to the professional counters and sorters. How many cards in each bag? Hint: Draw a picture of the five bags lined up with their card amounts. Then, you will see it.

Milt is back with a vengeance. It was our fault - we misplaced last month's puzzler. Is our face red! Milt wasn't being questioned by the FBI after all. In fact, no one knows that teeth-rattling hum in the neighborhood is coming from his cyclotron ...ed

*(Send your solution to the
BULLETIN Editor, email, post,
FAX okay)*

Letter from Laughlin

Hi from Laughlin, Nevada. I recently decided to put all my ham log entries into a computer log. During this task I noted that I worked "Clipperton Island FO0XB" in 1978. As I was chosen to go on the 1992 Clipperton DXpedition I thought it quite ironic that I did not have a card from Clipperton. I contacted Charlie Spetnagel (W6KK) and asked him who might know the QSL manager for that 1978 expedition. He put me on to our own Don Bostrom, N6IC. He had gone on that expedition. Don advised me to contact F6BFH. I did find an e-mail address for this person, who then advised me that the QSL manager was Mr. Kurt Bindschedler, HB9MX in Switzerland. He, too had an e-mail address, so a note explaining that I needed a QSL for Clipperton in 1978 went out to him. (hb9mx@www.uska.ch). Low and behold, today, November 14, 1998, a card from Kurt arrived. So, who else needs the 1978 Clipperton? Has anyone gotten a QSL card for a contact more than 20 years ago? Send me a note at n7cq@laughlin.net.

John, N7CQQ

DX Accomplishments

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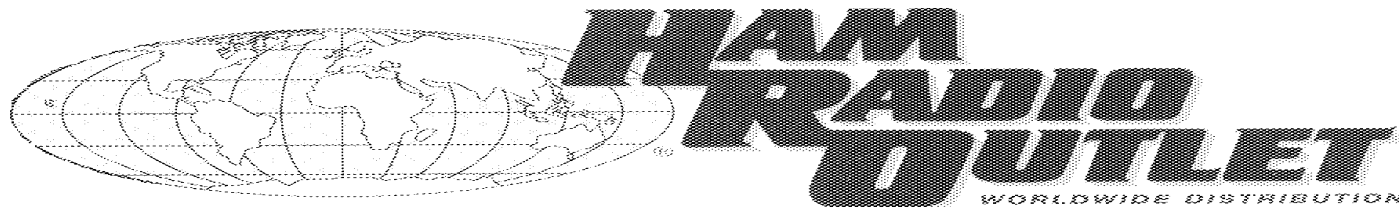
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